

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

My father was a stickler about unity in our family. Oh, we had our share of sibling rivalry, but Pop came down pretty hard on selfishness and jealousy. He often lectured us, “We’re family, and we pull together. We help each other. Sink or swim, we’re in this thing together. We’re all we have.”

I think that’s a pretty good description of how the church, the family of God, ought to operate. Sometimes we act like we’re just a bunch of individuals thrown together, where we come as spectators and enjoy some nice music, hear somebody speak, give us a good Bible sermon. We take our little notes, get back in our cars, and go back to our cloistered enclaves called our community. And there’s not much going on in terms of our interaction with each other.

That’s not the way God intended this thing called church to be. We need to pay attention to the words written in 1 Corinthians chapter 12, verses 25 and 26. “There should be no division in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with him; and if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with him.”

Our identities are intertwined with each other. We’re members of one another. We’re family members. We’re all we have. When my brother is suffering, part of me is in pain. And when my sister is being honored and recognized, there’s a smile on my face because that’s me. She’s a part of me, we’re in this family called the body of Christ. God puts a premium on our unity.

Here’s what I want you to remember today. Christianity is not a private, personal affair. We’ve been placed into His family, and God doesn’t like dysfunction. Sink or swim, we’re in this thing together.